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Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Case No. 6177-4: Leak Report (Condition 27(e))

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All,

In accordance with Condition 27(e) of the Stipulated Order for Abatement in Case No. 6177-4, based on its current knowledge of the event, Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) provides the following report detailing a leak of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from piping related to well number CV-2002 in grid 207.

(1) the date and time of the leak or spill;

1. The leak was discovered on February 14, 2026, at approximately 3:15 p.m.

(2) area designation inspected;

- Characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A from piping related to well number CV-2002 leaked onto the liner in grid 207. No liquid from the leak entered the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin.

(3) the name of the person that discovered the leak or spill;

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(4) written acknowledgement that they did, or did not, take corrective action with rationale for these actions;

1. Upon discovering the leak, the air valve to the pump was immediately turned off and a vacuum truck was dispatched to respond.

(5) a root cause analysis on why and how the leak or spill occurred;

1. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, the leak was caused by a malfunction from the pneumatic pump within well number CV-2002. This resulted in excess air pressure in the well and discharge out of the well head sample port. Chiquita attributes this leak to mechanical equipment failure.

(6) the estimated quantity of the leak or spill;

1. Chiquita conservatively estimates that approximately 30 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate leaked onto the liner in grid 207.

(7) corrective actions to clean and/or remove the leak or spill;

- In addition to the measures discussed above, the leachate on the liner was vacuumed out and disposed of. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 1 hour and 50 minutes.

(8) corrective actions implemented or to be implemented, including an estimated timeline, to prevent future recurrence;

- Chiquita will continue to inspect valves and pipes, perform maintenance of its equipment, and implement appropriate corrective actions as needed in accordance with the Stipulated Order.

(9) the type of affiliation of the operator involved in the root cause;

1. No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak.

(10) whether any individuals involved in the root cause had previously received training on applicable operations to avoid leaks or spills; and

1. No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak; however, Chiquita personnel has been trained on applicable operations to avoid leaks and spills.

(11) the number of times individuals involved in the root cause had previously been involved in the root cause of a leachate leak or spill.

- No individuals were involved in the root cause of this leak.

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